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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: RHODESIA PLAN

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO PRIME  
MINISTER VORSTER IMMEDIATELY ON THE OPENING OF BUSINESS.  
QUOTE DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER. WE HAVE JUST  
HEARD FROM THE BRITISH THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE  
TO RAISE THE MATTER WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN  
YET (HE IS TRAVELLING IN CANADA, AND THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO  
REACH HIM) AND THAT THEY THEREFORE CANNOT ASSURE US OF THE  
SUPPORT OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT FOR A WHITE MAJORITY  
COUNCIL OF STATE.

I REALIZE THAT THIS WILL ADD TO THE BURDENS OF THE  
TASK BEFORE YOU, BUT I SEE NO WAY TO PROCEED NOW EXCEPT  
TO LEAVE THE PRECISE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE  
SOMEWHAT VAGUE FOR THE MOMENT.

WE ARE ALL AGREED, OF COURSE, THAT THE INTERIM  
GOVERNMENT MUST PROVIDE FOR FULL AND EFFECTIVE  
PROTECTION OF THE WHITE COMMUNITY DURING THE TRANSITION.  
THE QUESTION IS HOW. I AM SENDING A PERSONAL MESSAGE  
TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN URGING THAT WE RETURN TO  
THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL FOR THE MAKEUP OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE

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WHICH YOU AND I DISCUSSED LAST WEEKEND IN ZURICH.

BUT THERE IS NO POINT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO PUT  
FORWARD A PROPOSAL AS TO HTE POLITICAL PROCEDURE FOR  
RHODESIA UNTIL WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE UNITED  
KINGDOM, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, WILL SUPPORT IT.

I CONTINUE TO HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT THIS MATTER CAN  
BE RESOLVED IN A WAY WHICH WILL MEET THE NEEDS AND  
INTERESTS OF ALL, AND I WILL DO ALL I CAN TO THAT END.  
SINCERELY YOURS, END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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